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For: **A PROCESS FOR PREPARING A DIRECTLY  
COMPRESSIBLE SOLID DOSAGE FORM  
CONTAINING MICROCRYSTALLINE  
CELLULOSE**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the final Office Action dated August 28, 2003 from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application, Applicants hereby submit the following arguments:

**A list of the pending Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page of this paper.**